

Meeting Announcement:

10th annual Advancing Practice, Instruction and Innovation through Informatics (APIII 2005). The conference will take place August 24-26, 2005 at the Granlibakken Resort and Conference Center located at Lake Tahoe, California.

The Advancing Practice, Instruction and Innovation through Informatics conference (APIII 2005) provides a broad overview of applications of biomedical informatics in pathology and oncology practice, education and research. APIII will also offer updates and project reports from the participants in the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid (caBIG) Initiative, as well as the opportunity to find answers to your informatics needs.

Attendee will be given a review of three broad areas of informatics with direct implications to pathology practice including:

- The emergence of new IT architectures for the Laboratory Information System such as the Virtual LIS and Lab Portals, the inclusion of CAP Checklists and HL7 Version 3 interfaces and the integration with other systems such as Reference Laboratories, the Electronic Medical Record and Oncology Information Systems.**
- The implementation of imaging systems, including discussions on imaging infrastructure and standards, as well as robotic and whole slide imaging applications in education, quality assurance, analysis and visualization and telemedicine.**
- An update on the National Cancer Institute's caBIG initiative, focusing on applications of interest to pathologists including tissue banking, extraction of data from textual pathology reports, "honest broker" activities and data aggregation for translational research.**

Program schedule and descriptions may be found at <http://apiii.upmc.edu>

Important Deadlines: Abstract Submissions – June 1 • Registration and Accommodations – June 30

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